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Scotchman's Creek Bridge  
Hack's Point  
Public

C. 1931

The Board of Cecil County Commissioners ordered the Scotchman's Creek Bridge closed in March of 1931. Soon after the Luten Bridge Company submitted a competitive bid to replace the older bridge with a reinforced concrete span. For Cecil County, the Scotchman's Creek Bridge is an unusual and distinctivve form. Visually, the six open spandral arches provide a light structural quality not often associated with the county's reinforced concrete bridges. This aspect is especially evident when comparing the Scotchman's Creek Bridge with its more typical and heavier neighbor, the Bohemia River Bridge.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Scotchman's Creek Bridge

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

 $\frac{1}{4}$  mile west of Maryland 213 on Glebe Road

CITY, TOWN

Hack's Point

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☒ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Cecil County Commissioners

Telephone #: 398-0200

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Room 101 Court House

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

☐ VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21921

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Scotchman's Creek Bridge spans the mouth of Scotchman's Creek which empties into the Bohemia River at Hacks Point. Maryland Route 213 passes just east of the bridge and connects the two southern Cecil County towns of Chesapeake City and Cecilton.

The single lane arched re-inforced concrete roadbed is supported by six double rib open spandrel arches. The arches, in turn, rest on concrete piers that remain partially above the water level. The roadbed is approximately fifteen to twenty feet and 75 to 100 yards long. A reinforced concrete railing is attached to each side of the bridge. A fixed to the northeast corner post is a Luten Bridge Company date plack with an imbossed inscription including the county commissioners. Walter E. Buck, John M. Duncan, and Walter C. Miller along with a 1931 date. The concrete railings received a rough pebble finish while the supportive arches and substructure in general are treated with a smooth finish. The corners of the supportive posts and arches are chamfered.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1931

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Luten Bridge Company

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

For Cecil County, the Scotchman's Creek Bridge is an unusual and distinctive reinforced concrete bridge type. Visually, the six open spandrel arches provide a light structural quality not often associated with the county's reinforced concrete bridges. This aspect is especially evident when comparing the Scotchman's Creek Bridge with its more typical and heavier neighbor, the Bohemia River Bridge.

In comparison to other Luten Bridges in the state, the Scotchman's Creek Bridge is not extremely early or a particularly rare form. Therefore the bridge is mainly significant for Cecil County bridges. Efforts should be made to repair the bridge if possible. Otherwise extensive documentation should be required before the bridge is replaced.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Cecil County Commissioner Minute Books, 1931

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paul Touart Hist. Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

3/30/81

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Court House

TELEPHONE

398-0200

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

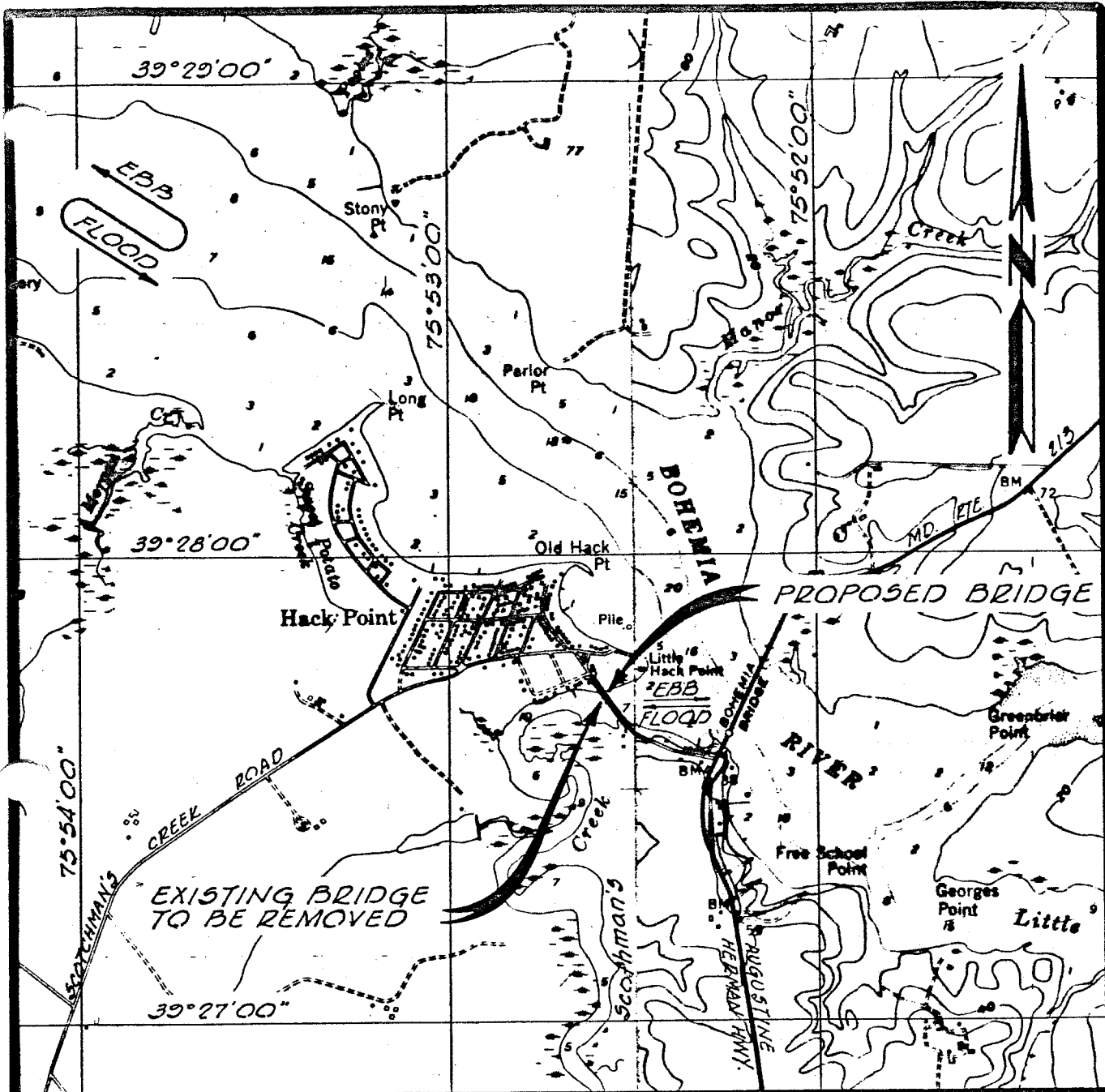
Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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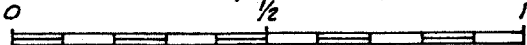


## LOCATION MAP

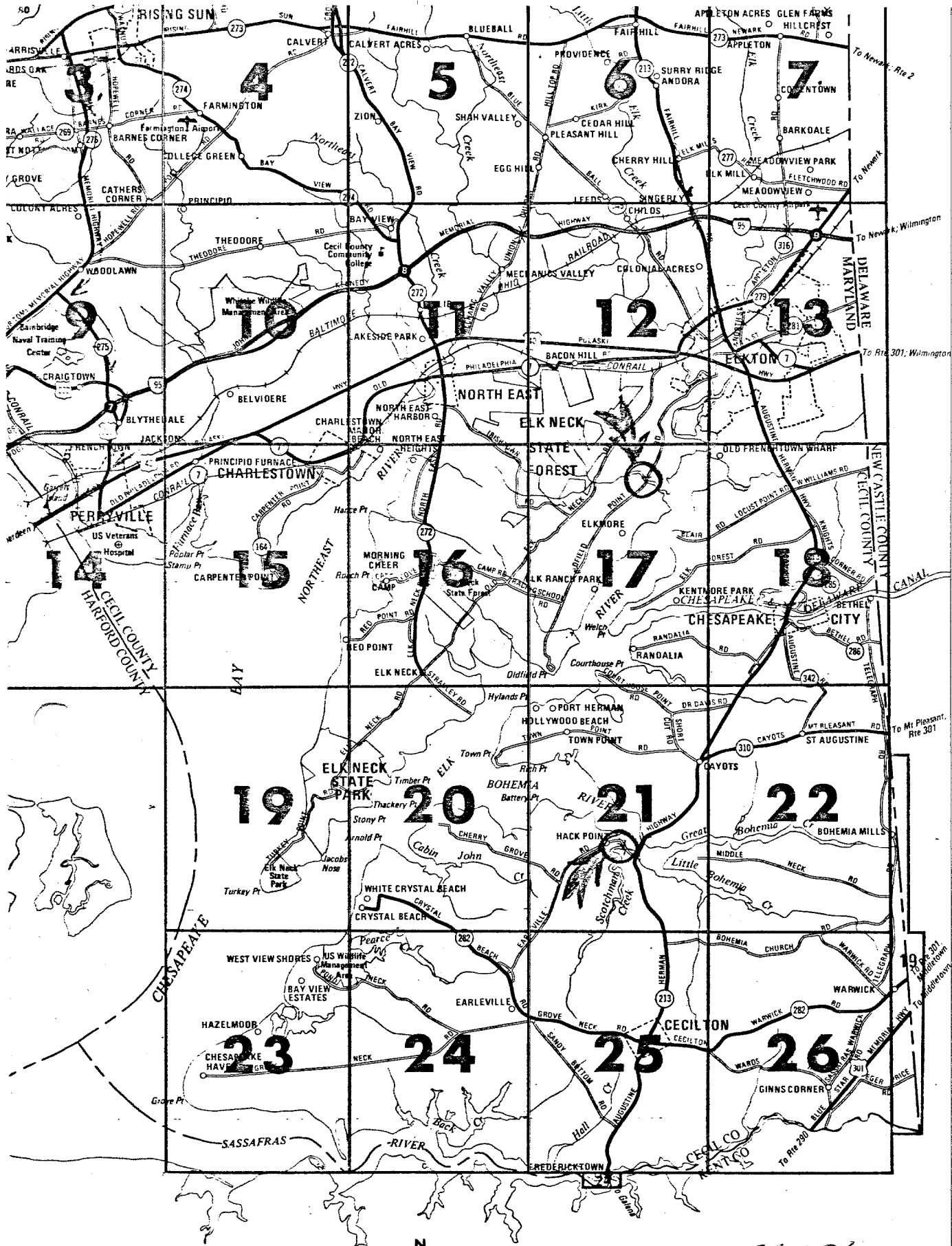
PROPOSED BRIDGE TO BE LOCATED  
0.15 MILES ABOVE THE MOUTH  
OF SCOTCHMAN'S CREEK.

LOCATION MAP REPRODUCED FROM  
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"CECILTON" QUADRANGLES.

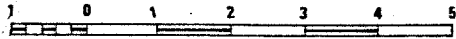
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PROPOSED BRIDGE  
GLEBE ROAD OVER  
SCOTCHMAN'S CREEK  
CECIL COUNTY  
APPLICATION BY  
COMMISSIONER'S OF CECIL CO.  
CECIL COUNTY DEPARTMENT  
OF PUBLIC WORKS  
ELKTON, MARYLAND  
SHEET 1 OF



SCALE IN MILES



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SCOTCHMAN'S CREEK BRIDLE

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NORTH ELEVATION

HACKS POINT

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SCOTCHMAN'S CREEK BRIDGE CE-1036

SOUTH ELEVATION  
HACK'S POINT

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SCOTCHMAN'S CREEK BRIDGE

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ARCH DETAIL  
SOUTH SIDE

HACK'S POINT

3/81 PBT

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